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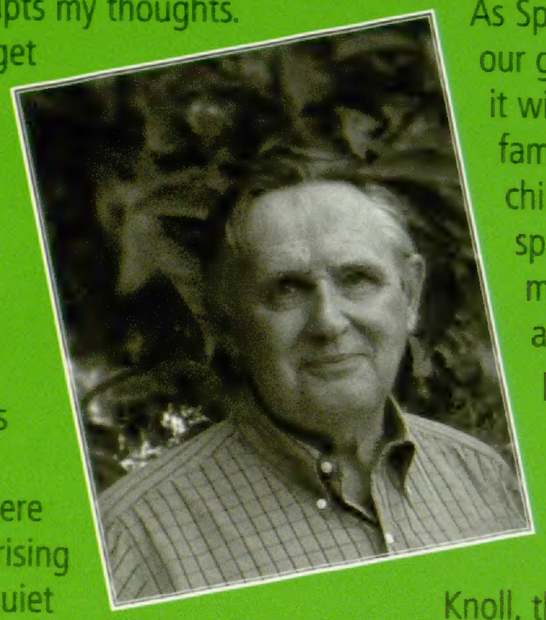
MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

G. Arnold Mulder, M.D.

I was on a morning walk yesterday and it was quite beautiful. But, there is a constant rush of noise from passing cars, garbage trucks, gardener's vehicles and whirring pelotons, which drowns out the birds and interrupts my thoughts. How much nicer it would be to get out in quieter places. Well, one perfect place is The Arboretum. Runners and walkers can come in at 8:00am, when the sun, these days is just starting to warm the air. There are two and a half miles of tram roads and lots more paths, hills, stair climbs or down hills to suit any cardio-vascular need. And, with that, there are the beautiful views, the surprising vistas as you turn a corner, the quiet morning light coming through the trees and the birds, making all the pain and gain seem worth it. The Peacock Cafe will be there with drinks and places to sit and rest for a bit before heading off to the real world. So, maybe for those who live within a few miles and have made a resolution to get in shape, this could be a happy option.



For those who have other needs, we hope to offer you happy options as well. For instance, the third Sunday of each month, we are setting up a picnic area in different parts of The Arboretum. As Spring works its wonders in our gardens, think what a delight it will be to come here with the family for a picnic. We feel that children need to have open spaces like ours to enjoy as much as we do and to learn about the wonderful world of plants. We have adventures and happy surprises for them throughout the garden. For quieter contemplation there are special places like Tallac Knoll, the lake and ponds, the new "Zen" deck and the rose garden that offer a sense of peace.

So, even though our mission is to study and cultivate and educate about the world of horticulture, we hope our "side effects" will tempt you too.

The Arboretum's mission is to cultivate our natural, horticultural and historic resources for learning, enjoyment and inspiration.

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DEAR ARBORETUM MEMBERS

What Could Be Better

Mark K. Wourms, Ph.D.,

This rhetorical question and enthusiastic expression is often overheard when a group of family or friends are enjoying each other's company over a meal, on a beautiful patio in a lovely garden setting. Southern California's lifestyle is defined by outdoor living. The Mediterranean climate enjoyed in Southern California allows us year-round opportunities to sit, play, putts-around and entertain in the garden. We are surrounded by the plants we love nearly every day of the year. What could be better?

The Sunset Garden is noted for its outdoor rooms enhanced by fireplaces, grills, stonework, fountains and planting palates.

The Arboretum presents numerous examples of how a small garden space can match your style and be maximized for entertaining. The Sunset Garden is noted for its outdoor rooms enhanced by fireplaces, grills, stonework, fountains and planting palates. The Garden for All Seasons is being reworked to reflect a series of themes from bed to bed. It will provide even more ideas and inspiration for the home gardener.

The new Zen Deck, next to the Koi Pond is constructed of the latest Trex materials, composed of recycled products that do not rot or weather as regular wood does with age. The exquisite design transports one's spirit to distant places and less complex times. It is the perfect location for small wedding receptions, cocktail parties, wine tasting parties or communing with nature by oneself or with close companions.

Sunset Garden Fireplace

Sunset Garden

Events throughout the year at The Arboretum also demonstrate how gardens are natural locations for entertaining. Spring is celebrated with our Great Egg Hunt on April 15. Hundreds of families enjoy Spring blooms while playing games, creating seasonal crafts, finding candy and laughing with families and friends during this celebration. In the summer, as the sun sets and the air cools, thousands of guests enjoy the luxurious sounds of the California Philharmonic Orchestra's Festival on the Green. And of course, The Arboretum offers a wide range of specialty plant shows throughout the year, which highlight the diversity of plant species and cultivars, their enthusiastic gardening societies and the numerous ways these unique groups of plants - from succulents, to Hemerocalus, to ferns and begonias and everything in between- all contribute in their own ways to the garden and our lives. But the real secret to a wonderfully entertaining garden is the blend of plants, wildlife, architecture and spirit melded together by great design. Quality garden design is what makes the whole garden greater than the sum of its components.

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I look forward to seeing all our members and friends out in The Arboretum in 2006 for learning, recreation and inspiration.

Let our garden entertain you!

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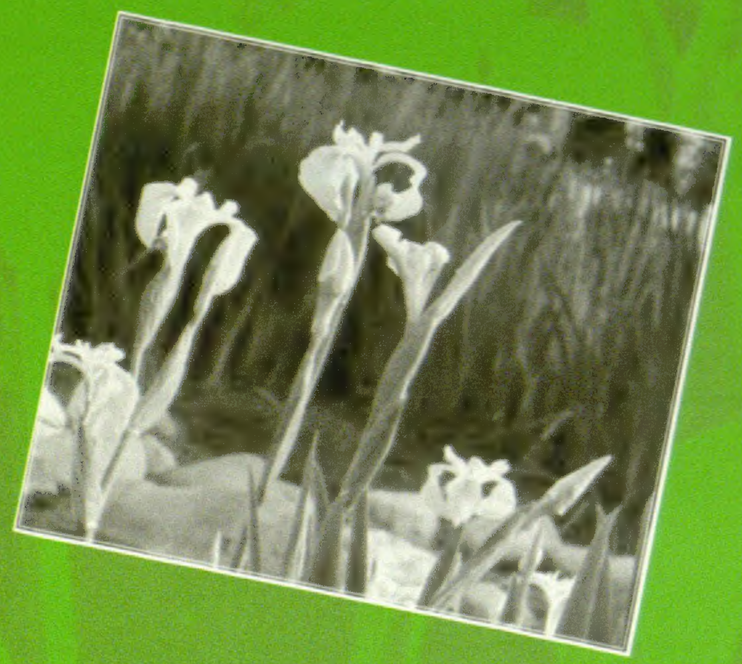

PLANTS & PEOPLE

An Entertaining Garden, Indeed

The finest examples of entertaining gardens will be on display at the LA Garden Show (Baldwin Bonanza 2006) the weekend of May 6 and 7 at The Arboretum. The best and brightest designers in the Southwest, including Nancy Goslee Power, Chris Rosmini, Art Luna and Nick Williams will explore the theme of "An Entertaining Garden".

there is no question why green spaces are so desirous for human interaction

With more than 82 million households in the United States participating in garden related activities, there is no question as to why green spaces are so desirous for human interaction. Plants give us so much, and give it freely. "They feed us, inspire us, enthuse us with their bursts of seasonal color, fragrances, design perfection, and never ending change-what entertainment they provide!" says Carolyn Bennett, Los Angeles Arboretum Foundation Trustee and Chairperson for the LA Garden Show (Baldwin Bonanza 2006).

A variety of unique plants, including some from The Arboretum's own collections will be for sale. The showcase of vendors at the marketplace will offer a variety of must-haves that reflect California lifestyle in the garden and in the home. And, you cannot miss out on the plant related lectures and demonstrations by well-known experts and authors. The ongoing entertainment, food and children's nature crafts will create a fun-filled weekend for all to enjoy.

The LA Garden Show (Baldwin Bonanza 2006) will inspire each of us to be creative, to define our own style, and above all – encourage us to have fun with family and friends in our gardens at home. As a very special treat, a grand new permanent garden will be unveiled on Saturday, May 6. We cannot tell you more about our mystery garden. You will have to come to see for yourself.

Whatever you do, don't miss this entertaining weekend.

Things to do

See garden displays by the best garden designers in the Southwest including Nancy Goslee Power, Chris Rosmini, Art Luna, Nick Williams.

Plant shopping to your hearts content.

Attend a lecture and how-to demonstration, and learn from the experts including Steve Goto, Nancy Goslee Power, Lili Singer, Bob Smaus, Jan Smithen and more.

See the Botanical Art exhibit by the Botanical Artist Guild of Southern California.

Purchase items at the Marketplace for your home and garden.

Enjoy dining and entertainment at the outdoor café.

Nature crafts for kids

Saturday Night Party

May 6; 6-10pm

Be entertained by honorary chairpeople: Bob Smaus, author, botanical expert and columnist for the LA Times (former garden editor of the LA Times); Suzanne Rheinstein, interior designer and owner of Hollyhock; Melinda Lee, the beloved and very knowledgeable host of The Food Show on KNX radio. Enjoy the moonlit evening dinner, auction and offer your additional support to The Arboretum's gardens and programs.

Ticket prices are $150/person. Limited tickets are available, reserve your tickets today 626.821.3237.

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BLOOM

Frank McDonough, Plant Information Specialist

February

Aloes

When Dr. Samuel Ayres jumped on the bandwagon to create The Arboretum, he was spurred, in part, by the depression he entered on returning from colorful Hawaii to the brown winter landscape of Southern California. He thought, if he could introduce winter flowering plants to Southern California, he could counteract this melancholy. One of the most stunning examples of the good doctor's plant Paxil can be found just across from the Peacock Café in The Arboretum's South African section. There, in the dead of our snow-less brown winter, huge displays of warm orange, red, and yellow Aloe blooms can be seen from January to late February. With over 100 distinct types, The Arboretum Aloe collection is sure to make a dent in anybody's wintertime blues.

March

Tabebuia impetiginosa

Starting in late January, one of the most spectacular blooming trees in The Arboretum collection punctuates the landscape here with its solid canopy of day-glow hot-pink blooms. Tabebuia impetiginosa, also known as the pink trumpet tree or the purple trumpet tree, is the South American native responsible for this brilliant display of color. With some specimens reaching over 40 feet tall, it is impossible not to see them as they compete with the peacocks for the eyes of Arboretum visitors. The Arboretum helped introduce Tabebuia impetiginosa and other related species into the horticultural market during the 1970's--even introduced an apricot colored cross between Tabebiua impetiginosa and chrome-yellow flowered Tabebuia chrysotricha. It is still one of the most popular items (when it's available) at the LA Garden Show.

April

Paulownia tomentosa

This rather unkempt tree has been sold in countless Sunday newspaper supplements as a miracle tree that grows up to 30 feet in 5 years. Although this is true, it's extremely messy nature makes it a poor choice for any, but the most remote and secluded areas of large estates. Many rue the day they planted this 'miracle.' But almost as if to apologize for its heavy litter and drooping, ugly branches, this tree puts on an April display of lavender trumpet shaped blooms that has no equal.

GIGABYTE GARDENING

Want to explore more? Here is a list of some recent articles of interest found at The Arboretum Library.

Upchurch, Brian L. **"Grafting with care: a North Carolina nursery owners explains why before- and aftercare are important considerations in successful grafting."**

Villa-Llobos, Jane, **"Two 'extinct' plants rediscovered in California."**

Neill, David. **"Cordillera del Condor: botanical treasures between the Andes and the Amazon."**

Akeroyd, John, **"Conserving a sense of place."** [a landscape architect's quest to identify, protect and enhance a sense of place, using the past to illustrate and improve the present]

Simpson, Niki, **"Botanical illustration goes digital"**

Duncan, Graham, **"Haemanthus and their cultivation"**

If you would like more information on any of these articles, please contact susan.eubank@arboretum.org or at 626-821-3213.

CALENDAR

MAKE A DATE

MONROVIA ROCK HOUNDS SHOW & SALE March 4 & 5; 9am to 4.30pm
Gems, minerals, fossils, geodes, and jewelry will be on exhibit and for sale.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION FAIR March 11; 9am-3pm
Hands-on natural science projects, demonstrations and nature games that will teach you the importance of conservation and ecology.

IKEBANA SHOW & SALE March 18 & 19; Sat. 12pm-4pm & Sun. 9am-4pm
Exhibit and sale of Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging.

THE GREAT TOMATO SALE & TALK March 29; 10am
Lecture, slide show and Steve Goto's Top 25 Tomato Picks for 2006. Learn all the tricks to successful planting and harvesting of the best tomatoes for this area.

SPRING IRIS SHOW & SALE April 1; 9am-4.30pm
Exhibition and sale featuring Pacific Coast natives and Siberian.

THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT April 15; 10am-2pm
Family festival featuring a variety of nature crafts, great egg hunt, eco games and photo opportunities. $10 per participating child for members/
$15 for non-members plus Arboretum admission.

AMARYLLIS & BULB SHOW & SALE April 15 & 16; Sat. 9am-4pm; Sun. 12pm-4pm
Educational displays, demonstrations and bulbs will be for sale.

ROSE SHOW & SALE April 22 & 23; Sat. 1pm-5pm; Sun. 9am-3.30pm
Exhibit by the Pacific Rose Society of grandifloras, hybrid teas, floribundas, miniatures and new and old varieties will be displayed. Roses will be for sale.

Go to www.arboretum.org to see a listing of all our upcoming events

PLANT AHEAD

LA GARDEN SHOW (BALDWIN BONANZA 2006) May 6 & 7; 9am-4.30pm

See gardens displays, purchase plants and specialty home and garden items at the marketplace, learn from plant experts and experience the fun all weekend long.

SATURDAY NIGHT PARTY May 6; 6-10pm

Enjoy dinner under the stars and support The Arboretum's gardens and programs. Mix and mingle with other garden lovers and be entertained by the chairpeople of the LA Garden Show.

Tickets $150/person. Limited tickets are available. Reserve your tickets today 626.821.3237.

All events are free, unless otherwise specified. Go to www.arboretum.org for more information.

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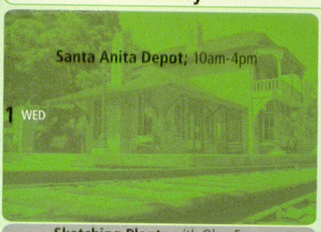
February



1 WED **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

2 THU **Sketching Plants** with Olga Eysymontt: 4 classes; 9:15am -12:15pm; $160 members / $176 non-members

Seminars with Lili Singer: Field Trip - Maloof Foundation and Smithen Garden; 9: 30am-12pm; Pre-registration required; $20

3 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners:** David Villafana-Editing the Garden; 9:30am-12pm; 8 classes - $50 members/$58 non-members

Ikebana: 9:30-11:30am

4 SAT **Garden Sprouts:** Saturday Kids Gardening Club, 1st Saturday of the month 9-11am members: $25/quarter or $10 per class; non-members: $30/quarter or $12 per class

Family Adventures: Heart Shaped Arboretum: 2-4pm; members: $15/family; non-members: $20/family

KidsArt: 12-1pm, 1:15 -2:15pm

5 SUN **Santa Anita Depot;** 1-4pm

6 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30am

7 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

8 WED **Fresh-Celebrating The Table:** Chef/ Owner Claude Beltran of Madeline Restaurant; 3-5pm; $35 members/$40 non-members

Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm

9 THU **Sketching Plants** with Olga Eysymontt: 9:15am -12:15pm

Seminars with Lili Singer: David Sims-High Quality Tree Care; 9:30am-12pm; $20

10 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners:** Patrick Anderson-The Secret Gardens of California; 9:30am-12pm

Ikebana: 9:30-11:30am

11 SAT **KidsArt:** 12 – 1pm, 1:15 – 2:15pm

12 SUN **Santa Anita Depot;** 1-4pm

Mushroom Fair; 9am-5pm

13 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30 am

14 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

15 WED **Plants & People Lecture:** Robert N. Muller-Great Trees of Southern California; 2:30 m; $10 members / $15 non-members

Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm

16 THU **Sketching Plants** with Olga Eysymontt: 9:15am -12:15pm

Seminars with Lili Singer: Field Trip-Urban Gardens of Judy M. Horton; 9:30am-12pm; Pre-registration required; $20

17 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners:** Plant Raffle and Live Auction; 9:30am-12pm

Ikebana: The Japanese art of flower arranging 9:30-11:30am

18 SAT **Aloe Walk Grand Opening**

KidsArt: 12 – 1pm, 1:15 – 2:15pm

19 SUN **Family Picnic Sunday**

Arboretum Bookworms: Storytelling at The Arboretum; 3rd Sunday of every month 2-3pm

Gardening 101: Warm Season Bulbs/ Getting Ready for Spring; Steve Gerischer; 2-4pm; $18 members / $20 non-members

Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm

20 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30 am

21 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

22 WED **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

23 THU **Sketching Plants** with Olga Eysymontt: 9: 15am -12:15pm

Seminars with Lili Singer: Lynette Proler-European Garden Antiquities; 9: 30am-12pm; $20

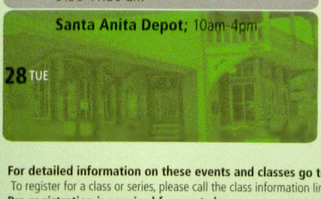
24 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners:** Ralph Crane-My Favorite Succulents and How To Use Them; 9:30am-12pm

Ikebana 9:30-11:30 am

25 SAT **KidsArt** 12 – 1pm, 1:15 – 2:15pm

26 SUN **Santa Anita Depot;** 1-4pm

27 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30 am



28 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

March

1 WED **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

2 THU **Colored Pencil and Plants:** Using Color Effectively; March 2-23; 9:15am-12:15pm; $160 members/$176 non-members

3 FRI **Visit the New Aloe Trail**

4 SAT **Monrovia Rock Hounds Show and Sale;** 9am-4:30pm

Garden Sprouts: Saturday Kids Gardening Club, 1st Saturday of the month 9-11am members: $25/quarter or $10 per class; non-members: $30/quarter or $12 per class

Family Adventures: Nature Folktales; 2-4pm; members: $15/family; non-members: $20/family

KidsArt 12 – 1pm, 1:15 – 2:15pm

5 SUN **Monrovia Rock Hounds Show & Sale;** 9am-4:30pm

Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm

6 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop** 9:30-11:30am; $35 members/$42 non-members

7 SUN **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

8 WED **Fresh-Celebrating The Table:** Monique King-Chef/Owner of Firefly Bistro; 3-5pm; $35 members/$40 non-members

Plants & People Lecture; William Martin, Australian Landscape Designer; 7: 30pm; $10 members/ $15 non-members

Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm

9 THU **Seminars with Lili Singer:** Great Plants for Tough Spaces; 9:30am-12pm; $20

Colored Pencil and Plants: Using Color Effectively 9:15am-12:15pm

10 FRI **Ikebana:** 8 Fridays, 9:30-11:30 am; $65 members / $80 non-members; $24 materials fee

KidsArt:12 – 1pm, 1:15 – 2:15pm

11 SAT **Environmental Education Fair:** Activities for kids, students, and families; 9am-4pm

12 SUN **Santa Anita Depot;** 1-4pm

13 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30am

14 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

15 WED **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

16 THU **Seminars with Lili Singer:** Barbara Spencer-Spring Edibles, Herbs & Their Flowering Friends; 9:30am-12pm; $20

Colored Pencil and Plants: Using Color Effectively; 9:15am-12:15pm

17 FRI **Ikebana:** 9:30-11:30am

Ikebana International Show & Sale; 12--4pm

18 SAT **Easy Orchid Care** 10am-12pm $18 members/$20 non-members Marc Hall, Instructor

KidsArt: 12-1pm, 1:15-2:15pm

Family Picnic Sunday

Arboretum Bookworms: Storytelling at The Arboretum: 3rd Sunday of every month 2-3pm

19 SUN **Ikebana International Show & Sale;** 9am-4pm

Gardening 101: Eco-friendly pest management /vegetable gardening; Steve Gerischer; 2-4 pm; $18 members / $20 non-members

Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm

20 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30am

21 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

22 WED **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

23 THU **Seminars with Lili Singer:** Dr. Mark Wourms-Arboretum Visions; 9:30-Noon; $20

Colored Pencil and Plants: Using Color Effectively 9:15 am-12:15 pm

24 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners;** 8 classes; 9:30-Noon; $50 members/$58 non-members

Ikebana 9:30-11:30 am

25 SAT **KidsArt** 12 – 1pm, 1:15 – 2:15pm

26 SUN **Santa Anita Depot;** 1-4pm

27 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop** 9:30-11:30 am

28 TUE **The Great Tomato Sale & Talk;** 10 am; Free with Arboretum admission

Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm

30 THU **Seminars with Lili Singer:** Carolyn Bennett-Saving Our Gardens…Honoring Our Past; 9:30-Noon; $20

31 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners** 9:30-Noon

Color Mixing for Artists with Susan T. Fisher: Friday, March 31-Sunday, April 2; 10am -4pm; $195 members/$220 non-members; 20 students only

April

1 SAT **Spring Iris Show & Sale;** 9am-4:30pm

Garden Sprouts: Saturday Kids Gardening Club, 1st Saturday of the month 9-11am members: $25/quarter or $10 per class; non-members: $30/quarter or $12 per class

Color Mixing for Artists:10am-4pm

Family Adventures: Eggs at The Arboretum ~ Egg Ecohunt! 2-4pm; members: $15/family; non-members: $20/family

2 SUN **Color Mixing for Artists:** 10am-4pm

Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm

3 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30am

4 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

5 WED **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

6 THU **Seminars with Lili Singer:** Four by Four: Westside Private Garden Tour; Pre-registration required; $20

7 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners:** 9:30am-12pm

Ikebana: 9:30-11:30am

8 SAT **Santa Anita Derby Day 5K Run;** 8am

9 SUN **Santa Anita Depot;** 1-4pm

10 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30am

11 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

12 WED **Fresh-Celebrating The Table:** Chef Grant Rowe of Green Street; 3-5pm; $35 members/$40 non-members

Santa Anita Depot; 10am-4pm

13 THU **Seminars with Lili Singer:** David Fross-Ceanothus in the Garden; 9:30am-12pm; $20

14 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners:** 9:30am-12pm

Ikebana: 9:30-11:30 am

15 SAT **Great Easter Egg Hunt;** 10am-2pm; Regular Arboretum admission applies for Main Entrance. Event Admission:$5 per participating child for members / $10 per participating child for non-members.

Amaryllis Show & Sale; 9am-4:00pm

Family Picnic Sunday

16 SUN **Arboretum Bookworms:** Storytelling at The Arboretum: 3rd Sunday of every month 2-3pm

Amaryllis Show & Sale; 9am-4pm

Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm

17 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30am

18 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

19 WED **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

20 THU **Seminars with Lili Singer:** Field Trip to the Getty Villa, Malibu; Pre-registration required by April 10; NOTE Time change: 10am – 1:30pm; $20

21 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners:** 9:30am-12pm

Ikebana: 9:30-11:30am

22 SAT **Rose Show & Sale;** 9am-4:30pm

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23 SUN **Gardening 101:** Planting for Summer/ Irrigation Techniques; Steve Gerischer; 2-4 pm; $18 members / $20 non-members or for the series: $45 members / $52 non-members

Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm

24 MON **Botanical Watercolor Workshop:** 9:30-11:30am

25 TUE **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

26 WED **Santa Anita Depot;** 10am-4pm

27 THU **Seminars with Lili Singer:**Field Trip to Greenwood Daylily Gardens 10am-1pm $20

28 FRI **Compulsive Gardeners:** 9:30am-12pm

Ikebana: 9:30-11:30am

29 SAT **Botanical Art Show** 10am-4pm Free with Arboretum admission

Experience new ideas at The Arboretum Library

30 SUN **Botanical Art Show** 10am-4pm Free with Arboretum admission

Santa Anita Depot; 1-4pm

For detailed information on these events and classes go to www.arboretum.org and click on calendar.
To register for a class or series, please call the class information line 626.821.4623
Pre-registration is required for most classes.
For membership information call 626.821.3233

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARBORETUM & BOTANIC GARDEN

KIDS IN NATURE

Arboretum Bookworms

Storytelling program on the 3rd Sunday of every month
2-3pm (ages 3-8)

Come explore the Arboretum library and enjoy our great story trees. Enjoy plant and nature stories and make and take crafts. Fill your Bookworm passport with storytime visits.

February: Love Letters from the Garden

March: Exploring with Trees

April: The Kinship of Birds & Trees

Don't miss out on the fun

Environmental Education Fair, Saturday, March 11

Great Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15

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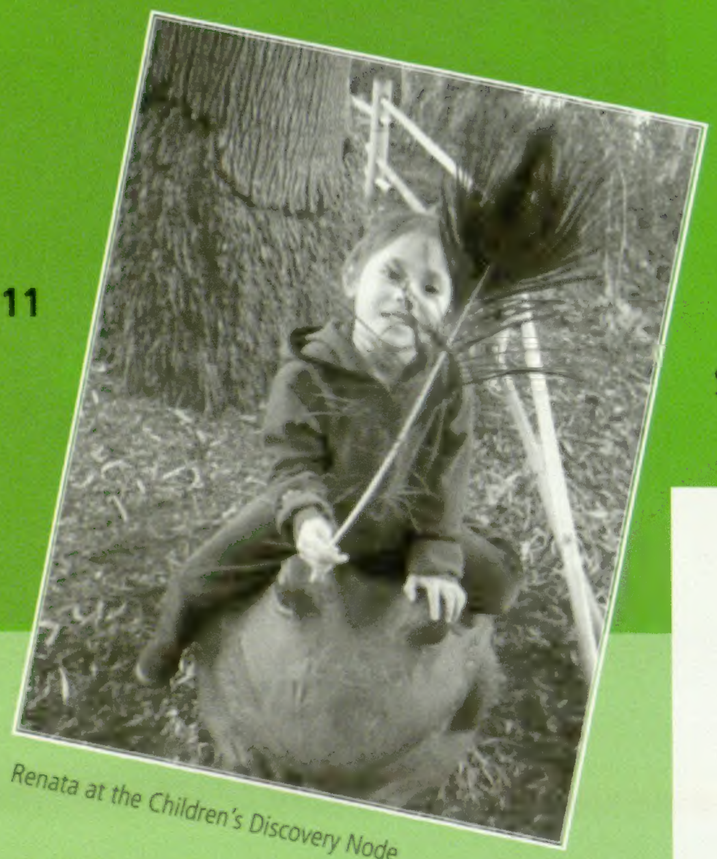

Renata at the Children's Discovery Node

CONNECT

April 15, 10am- 2pm

The Great Easter Egg Hunt

Come spend the day at the Arboretum with your family for fun and learning at the Great Easter Egg Hunt. A variety of activities for children of all ages including nature crafts, egg hunt, eco games and photo opportunities!

Regular Arboretum admission fees apply for non-members, plus $10 per child to participate in the event. The event cost for members is $5 per child. Pre-registration is not necessary.

Easter baskets will be provided for every paid child at the event. No outside baskets allowed.

For questions or more information call 626.821.5897

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PLANTS & PEOPLE LECTURE SERIES

The Arboretum proudly presents the Plants & People Lecture Series made possible by support from the J.W. and Ida M. Jameson Foundation.

Talk, Slide Show and Book Signing

"Great Trees of Southern California"
with Dr. Robert N. Muller, author
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MEET AND GREET

First Annual College & Career Fair

Jennifer Williams, Assistant to the CEO

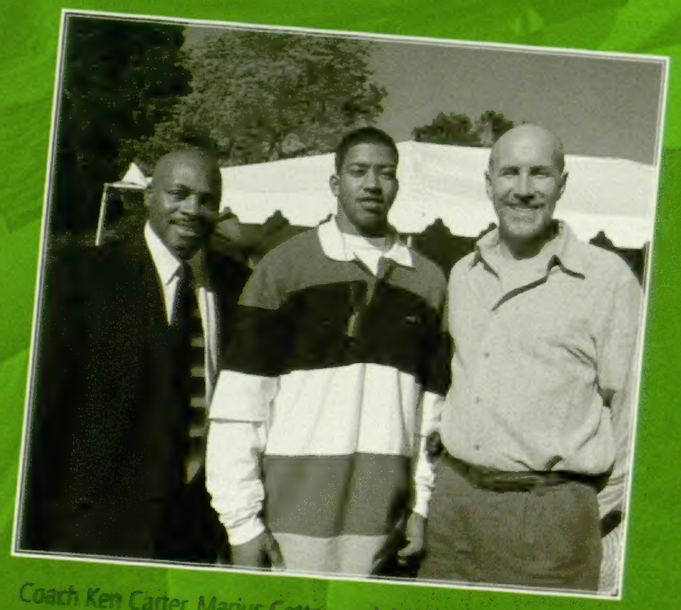
On behalf of Coach Ken Carter Foundation, The Arboretum and Los Angeles County Department of Parks & Recreation, we say thank you for your support for the 1st Annual College & Career Fair that was held January 14 – 15, 2006.

As you are aware, our goal was to provide access to resources and exposure to non-traditional careers highlighting "open-space". Landscape designers, architects, engineers, and environmental biologists were on hand to provide information into these career paths.

With over 30 colleges, universities and employers who participated, this event was both exciting and informative. All of the College and Career Representatives and students that attended were troopers braving the elements to receive the benefits. The Saturday evening reception presented a star-studded sky with full moon perfect for the Twilight Garden Tour.

We hope all that missed this first fair will make sure they take advantage of next year, tell a student and bring one. Again, we thank all the participants for their support

A special congratulation goes to Coach Ken Carter Foundations' scholarship recipient, Mr. Marius Cotton. Mr. Cotton is a senior at Verbum Dei High School in Los Angeles. He holds a 3.7 grade point average, is a participant in Verbum Dei's Corporate Work Studies Program (CWSP); as well as a three-sport athlete. Mr. Cotton has applied to Howard University, University of Arizona and USC with an interest in Computer Science. Upon acceptance, Mr. Cotton will receive $500 books & supplies scholarship with the potential for matching in the second semester as long as he maintains his grade point average. Congratulations Marius Cotton, great job!



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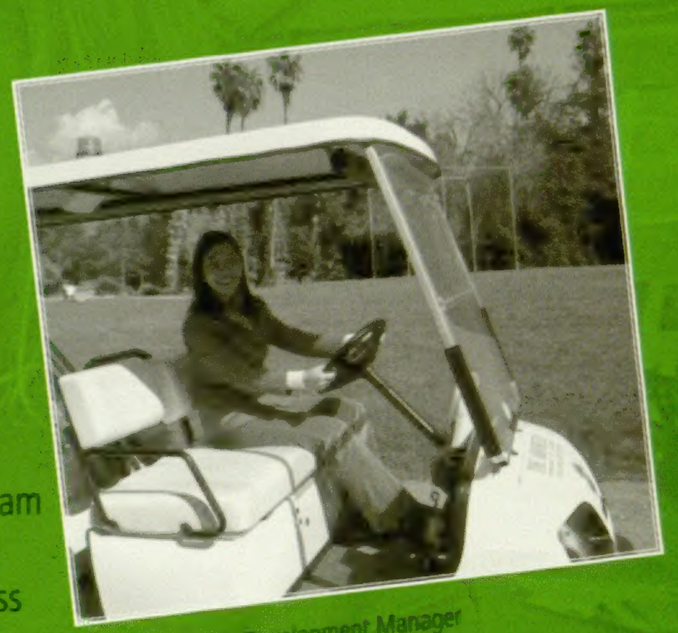

Kathy M. Kwan, Development Manager

The Arboretum has many areas for you to see and we understand that sometimes accessing these areas can be a challenge. With recent grants like that of the Electric Cart Touring Program ($25,500 – Anonymous) and the Three-Tiered Access Program for wheelchairs, electric and utility carts ($22,500 - The Ayrshire Foundation's matching grant) we are well on our way to helping you experience the beauty of the garden.

Grants are important to any non-profit organization and The Arboretum is no exception. We strive to be one of the most family-friendly gardens in the United States, grants like Georgina & Fredrick Children's Foundation for the Children's Amphitheatre at the Australian Children's Discovery Node and Edison International for Discovery Cart Project, are helping us do just that.

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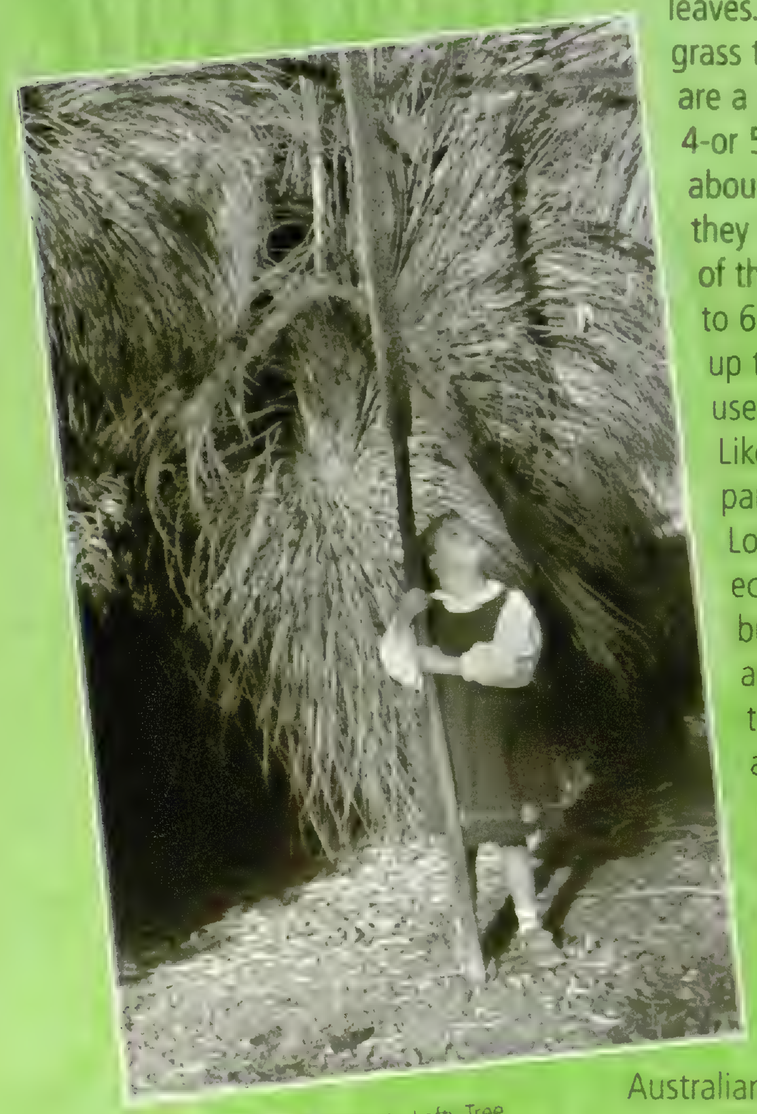
A Lofty Tree

Susan Eubank, Arboretum Librarian

Outside Adelaide, South Australia, Australia, in the Mt. Lofty range the local Kaura Aboriginal people tell stories of Yurrebilla. Yurrebilla's fallen body created the range where the Mt. Lofty Grass Tree (Xanthorrhoea quadrangulata) grows in its native habitat, as well as the Adelaide Plains. It is a slow growing yucca-like plant with a trunk and a head of grass-like leaves. Its leaves are a little unusual for grass trees, because the base of the leaves are a four-sided square. As you look at the 4-or 5-foot-long leaves, they flatten out to about _ to _ inch-width strap shapes, but they still retain the ridges of the corners of the squares. The plant grows slowly up to 6 feet tall with flower spikes that get up to 15 feet tall. In Australia the Kaura used fire to manage their native habitat. Like Southern California, fire is a natural part of the ecosystem where the Mt. Lofty Grass Tree grows. There in this fire ecosystem, the leaves and trunk get burned. The trunk is persistently black and the leaves re-grow from the top of the plant so the black trunk is exposed and the leaves look like a spiky head of hair.



Elizabeth in front of the Mt. Lofty Tree

Let's go out back to our Australia. In the Australian Section at the north end of The Arboretum, there are a couple of mature groups of Mt. Lofty grass trees at the apex of the Australian Loop. We don't have routine brush fires run through our Arboretum, so the trunks on our plants are not exposed except on our tallest one. The leaves on the others go all the way to the ground, so hairy Dr. Seuss figures or the Addams Family's Cousin It come readily to mind. The one trunk that is exposed is beautiful. Stray from the asphalt road to go look at it. There are intricate patterns where the leaves used to be attached. By straying from the main path you also get a sense of how large these plants are. They arrived as seed from the Adelaide Botanic Garden in 1951 and were finally planted out in the Australian

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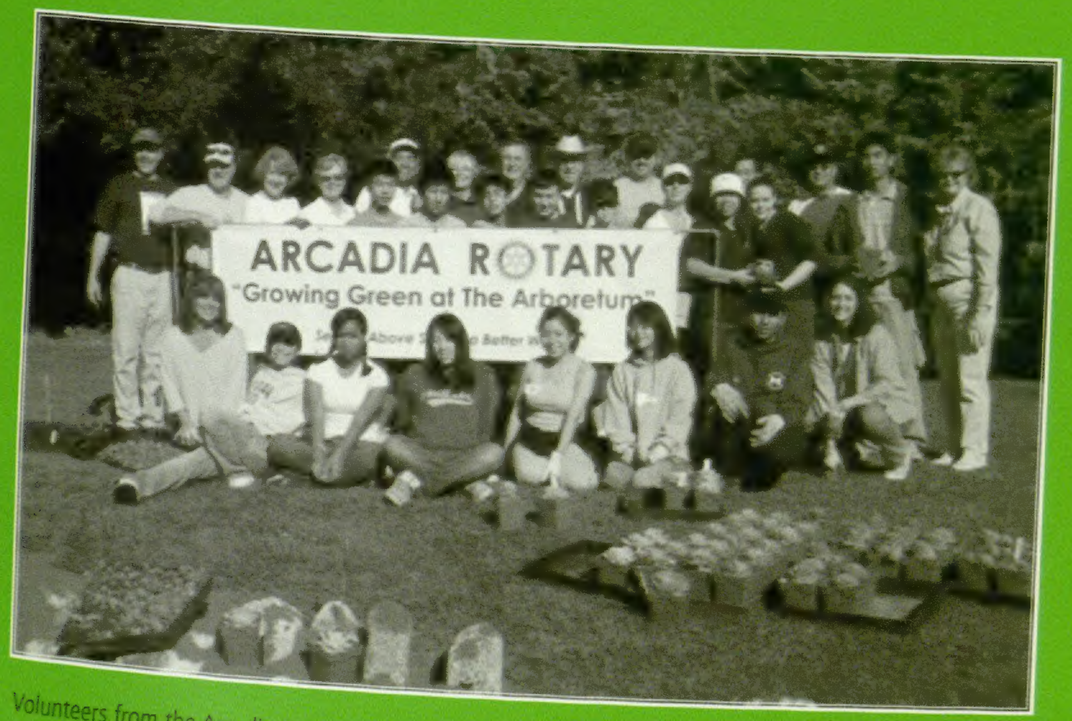
Section in 1956. They have been there ever since flowering reliably with their tremendous spikes that become noticeable in January, eventually to have white flowers. In true South Australia, they go into a flush of bloom after wildfire. The most dramatic parts of the plants are the persistent flower spikes that are loaded with little triangular "boxes" that open and release the seed. The "boxes" eventually fall off the spike leaving a smooth, still dramatic, dark brown, exclamation point in the landscape.

You can see a 12-foot spike with the boxes still attached, close up, in The Arboretum Library, open Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The LA Garden Show (Baldwin bonanza 2006) will have this hard-to-obtain plant available for sale. These plants are easy to grow, don't require much supplemental water and work well in containers, because they grow so slowly. Come get your exclamation points!

Aloe candelabrum



Volunteers from the Arcadia Rotary

GRAPEVINE

A Trail Blazer

See the fluttering butterflies and hummingbirds that are drawn to the blooming aloes. This trail is a beauty and a must-see. This wonderful path leads you through an imaginary trip through Africa. The Aloe Trail will officially open, Saturday, February 25. A lot of extensive planning and work has gone into creating this lovely new addition. This trail is stroller and wheelchair friendly.

You Rock

The Arcadia Rotary worked on their first "Growing Green at The Arboretum" project on February 11, 2006. The railroad ties along the north side of Ayres Hall were transformed into a beautiful rock garden with an array of delicate succulent plantings. Come see it for yourself.
The Arcadia Rotary, interact group and Arboretum volunteers rock!

Greenlist

Want to keep updated on Arboretum events and fun and interesting information? Join our "greenlist" by sending cynthia.vargas@arboretum.org an email. The "greenlist" will send you an email every month with updates and reminders,
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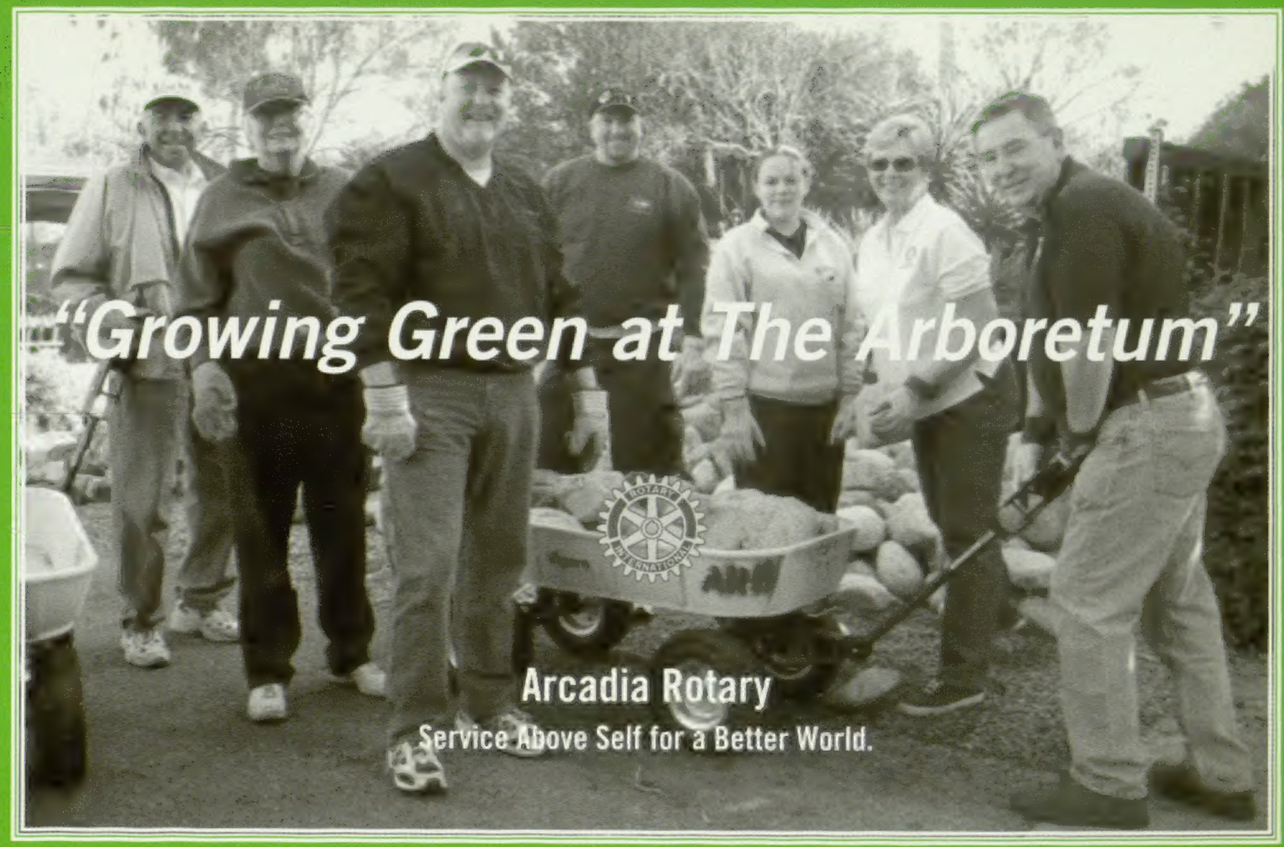

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